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The Currency Commission.

The commission appointed by Congress to investigate the currency question has organized at once, and, appropriately enough, Mr. Aldrich is the chairman. In a few weeks another meeting will be held

In an interview Mr. Aldrich says the country expects the commission to perform its task thoroughly. That is true. It is true also that the task is a large one. The size and difficulty stand confessed in the debates out of which the Aldrich-Vreeland bill grew. There were almost about what should be done as there were speakers. And as for bankers and finanas widely as to a remedy as the law- gardless of the political disturbances of makers. The exhibition was full of grave

No one can deny that the measure adopted at the eleventh hour is a makeshift, and, what is more, a political make- gratification at the record written by Conshift. The republicans pulled themselves gress as the District's legislature during together at the last moment under heavy the session just closed. He cites as the party pressure for campaign purposes, particular achievements the establish-They had all but abandoned the subject ment of the principle of supervision of the for the session, when shrewd counsels public utility corporations, the trackage exlong service and all the power of the District and provision for the registration oversleep themselves next morning." speakership, and forced an agreement.

thing very much better than makeshift the District calendars this list of accom- "to praise a man jes' 'cause he is inlegislation affecting so momentous a mat- plishments is certainly rather meager, es- dustrious. Some men doesn' take no ter. Nobody is satisfied with what has pecially in view of the fact that the appains honin' a razzer onless dey has acdeticiencies. The proper thing to do, able degree. Of course the District is therefore, is to replace this makeshift grateful for everything that it gets, on law, put into shape on the jump, as it the principle that it might get less. But and in the light of all ascertainable in- hard as a suppliant before Congress for formation.

never have a long lease of life.

fiction that the "leave to print" addresses to the old idea that the District is a for the Russian people that they can which are now appearing in the supple- mendicant and is to be treated with scant consume so much of it and yet live and mentary Congressional Record were actually rendered in the course of debate. The intelligent voter by this time clearly understands the situation and knows that hundreds of the so-called congressional the capital, but it has failed often in the

official phonograph, so to speak, of the ment neglected as grasped. and representatives. Of course, it is de- cans are deeply interested. rirable that the rough edges of debate should be smoothed down now and then, of their speech to be modified in type, unstinted praise, But this privilege has been greatly abused until the Record frequently departs se-

wrace the government printing office is usual number of references to "laughter." political offerings of members of both houses. This material will be published in document form and franked all over Mauretania that she only limped across large part conducting the political run, and yet she scored a new record. will be indulging in airship parades and granted themselves is already great President Castro's "conquest" of the utilitarian. This reads encouragingly, for verity of the official record of their procedings in session.

stablished social or political institutions summer day. are in serious danger of disturbance.

Prosperity.

Business men are talking prosperity again in tones of confidence. The counof depression, which reached the panic ish road agents with official badges, stage in October and November last. In the St. Louis mercantile and manufacmen returned to work. This revival of one another. rade, signalized in a marked manner. has been in a certain sense arranged according to program. This fact, however, does not detract from the signifiance of the new conditions. It speaks

TUESDAYJune 2, 1908 ing been already affected by the res- Success was not possible in either year, THEODORE W. NOYES Editor way to resume work at 1,000 coke ovens management, quite as much as Mr since December. Birmingham, Ala., re- Bryan's supremacy ports the restoration of 8,000 men to work

they do not necessarily mean the return a phenomenal memory to state offhand of the boom times of a couple of years just which one of the varieties of records ago. Undoubtedly there was overcapitall- she smashed zation and much speculation in the busi-IFIn order to avoid delays on account ness world then. Mills were running of personal absence letters to TEE over time to meet orders and proprietors Mr. Hearst is not making very much to-STAR should not be addressed to any and corporations thought it the wise polindividual connected with the office, but ley to expand plants in order to do even simply to THE STAR, or to the Editorial more business. They borrowed money Congress has adjourned, but the land or Business Department, according to heavily, and when the panic came, having frauds trial is still in progress. been caused largely by the attenuations of credit on all sides, they were unable to meet their obligations. It is a great blessing that so few of them collapsed.

Apart from the bank failures caused by unwise and in some cases illegal methods of management, there were remarkably few failures in the course of the panic pretty bad boy," said one youngster. of last fall. Now, with the mills reopening and the mines going at full capacity once more and the banking system tions to ask when he wants to know what strengthened by the lessons of last fall. and perhaps by the new currency law. there is little reason to apprehend any early reaction from the present prosperous "Don't you enjoy the glories of sumtendencies. The country has long ago mer?" as many different opinions expressed coased to be seriously affected by the "Yes." answered the unpoetic person; "it likelihood business men in all lines will bills getting so much smaller." ciers and commercial bodies, they differed proceed with their own campaign, re-

The District and Congress.

Commissioner Macfarland expresses Mr. Cannon came to the tensions, the child labor bill, the abolition play the plane late enough every night to with all the experience of his of race track gambling throughout the make the lawnmower artists next door of tuberculosis cases and for the regula-But the country wants, and needs, some- tien of private hospitals. Compared with been done. Even its author concedes its propriations were cut to an unconscion- cepted an invitation to trouble. were, by a law framed with deliberation it does seem that it has to work very

its little meed of legislation. Need the task cover several years? An unfortunate attitude prevails on the The law enacted is limited to six years, part of many members of Congress tobut it might be replaced with a better ward the District. Although Congress is one at a much earlier day. At the No-| charged distinctly by the Constitution rember poll the presidency will be settled with exclusive jurisdiction over the "ten for four years and the House for two, miles square," and has by the act of 1878 The currency problem will appear in the assumed a specific obligation to maintain campaign, and the voters will pass upon the capital municipality on a federal partthat as upon the other issues presented, nership basis, it is with the greatest dif-A republican victory should be an indt- fleulty that the local interests are concation of what we should expect of the served by those legislators who feel a Sixth-first Congress, with full power con- special concern in District affairs. Yet thrued in that party. If Mr. Bryan comes there is a constantly growing spirit of apin, with a House to support him, there preclation for Washington as the national will be difficulty with the republican city on the part of citizens of the coun-Senate, but even in those circumstances try at large. The tens of thousands of we should be able to secure a currency Americans who visit here annually as compromise superior to the one just tourists take away with them a concept enacted. A confessed makeshift should of the District as the seat of government which in the great majority of cases engenders a feeling of pride in Washington. Campaign Speeches and the Record. This sprit is manifesting itself on all Why should not Congress be honest sides in articles in magazines and newswith itself in the matter of publication papers descriptive of Washington and From the New York Tribune of campaign material in the form of eloquently pleading for its development. speeches supposed to be delivered in the Members of Congress cannot possibly be crossbones for the imperial eagle on bot House and Senate? It is doubtful whether ignorant of this new appreciation of the ties of vodka would not be inappropriate. many people are really fooled by the capital, and yet in many cases they hold

consideration. Not merely in providing for the government's own needs has Congress been derelict in duty as regarding the evolution of From the Philadelphia Ledger. to prevent the institution of a system local situation. It often persists in viewlength and number, without the use of Washington is a non-sectional, cosmopolithe Congressional Record as the vehicle tan city of a character different from ceedings, and nothing else. It should combination of contrasts, with magnifiserve as a reflection of what has oc- cence offset at close range by squalor and curred on the floors of the two houses, an with as many opportunities for improve-

proceedings. For rhetorical purposes, Not until the appropriations are written however, the Congressional Record of in strict accordance with the organic act many sessions has become seriously mis- of 1878 will the District be given the leading, not only in the inclusion of treatment due it as the seat of governspeeches that were never delivered, but ment and as the one city of the United diet. If for want of adequate support the in the editing of remarks of senators States in the welfare of which all Ameri- Children's Aid Society is compelled to

St. Louis is hitting up a brisk pace for In the haste and heat of party discussion the country in the re-employment movemuch is said that is quickly regretted ment, which started yesterday with the From the Springfield Republican. by those who take part, and it is natural return of 17,000 men to werk. Rivalry that they should wish the intemperance between cities on this basis is worthy of

> Those "leave-to-print" speeches that are appearing in the posthumous edition of the Congressional Record contain the "applause" and "prolonged applause."

It is claimed for the turbine steamer the Atlantic on "three legs" on her latest says that within ten years the idle rich business of its legislative workers, and it. Thus something is left to the imagination. gasoline motors, and the automobile will

nough without in addition violating the bubonic plague at La Guaira proves to under such a change in conditions the vious performances.

Diplomas are being distributed with a playgrounds has probably never visited a made by hard work. lavish hand just now, but few of the crowded residential district on a warm

> Kansas is practicing voice culture to be enabled at harvest time to yell for help in tones that carry to the ocean shores.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon's motor car has not 'ry has genuinely recovered from its year thus far had any more trouble with peev-

Prominent New Jersey republicans are furing district yesterday more than 17,000 kept busy offering the vice presidency to

Only the chronic kicker has the nerve to complain about this kind of weather,

James K. Jones. well for the confidence of the business Former Senator Jones of Arkansas, who ray Crane of Massachusetts, a good man world that it has been possible to per- died yesterday, was a man of ability and and able, a capable director, a vote-getter, suade the employers of labor to such a high character, and for many years strong where strength will be required. arge extent to reopen their plants on served the country well in national office. a fixed date simultaneously. St. Louis A thorough partisan and a vigorous fightompanies, with the avowed object of ac- er, his views were yet broad and his from the Hartford Times. elerating commercial operations through- impulses patriotic. He is entitled to rank ent the country, gave orders for more with the most useful men the south has sick persons die of the Fourth of July celehap five million dollars' worth of ma- contributed to our national life since the brations, who might have lived but for the erials, products and goods of all kinds, civil war. In the House he rose to inluyers from the St. Louis retail and fluence, and in the Senate, where his wholesale establishments have flocked into opportunities were greater, he was reck-New York with heavy orders, twenty ened smong his party's leaders. He From the New Orleans Times-Democrat egistering from one large dry goods never replied to the criticisms leveled in spite of the apparent general unwillagainst him as the manager of the Bryan inations, it is safe to predict that neither

ceived from other quarters quite as en- fied in doing, upon the record as it was couraging. From Boston comes word that known to those whose opinions he valued. yesterday many mills in New England As a matter of fact, he did with the rewhich have for some months been run- sources at his command all that any ning on short-time schedules went back man, and very much more than any of to full time, fully 35,000 persons hav- his critics, could have done in his place. toration of the full wage scale. Down but defeat under a less capable general in Bristol, Va., preparations are under might have been annihilating, Mr. Jones' which have been suspended for some time. Bryan's eloquent stumping, explained the and other industries in the coal fields six millions and a half of votes recorded are preparing to resume after being idle for the ticket in the first year of Mr.

in the mines, furnaces and other industries. The turbine steamer Mauretania broke another record on the run which ended All these reports mean good times, but yesterday, but it would take a man with

Occasionally "Mayor" McClellan gains a few votes in the New York recount, but

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

The Manner of an Expert.

"I guess my father must have been a

"Why?" inquired the other. "Because he knows exactly what ques-I have been doing."

Unpoetic.

"presidential year" tradition, and in all is something of a comfort to find the gas

A Possible Factor. The fame which to your name you lend Depends upon your own ambition,

Upon the umpire's disposition. A Pretty Quarrel.

Excepting when it may depend

a very pretty quarrel as it stands.' "No hard words, I hope." "None whatever. My folks are trying to

"Yes," said the suburban citizen; "it

Opposite Methods.

There was a man Of wisdom great: He had a plan To help the state But all his sense Availed him naught They cried go hence! Your mien is fraught With looks severe And words unkind.

You have, 'tis clear, A grouchy mind Another man Of far less brain For office ran With might and main His speech he'd make In accents bland. He loved to shake The voter's hand. He won applause

And made his pile

And all because

He wore a smile! Vodka.

The substitution of a death's head and Much of the stuff comes pretty close to being liquid death, and it speaks wonders possess their senses.

The Currency Commission.

The currency commission, so called. speeches are delivered only in the hearing past to realize its obligations to the Dis- which has been authorized to sit during trict as a municipality. It allows private the recess of Congress, is really no more If Congress so wishes, there is nothing interests acquired elsewhere to affect the than a joint committee of the two houses, and there is little more reason for expecting definate results from it than from the of speech printing at the public expense ing the local community with the preju-standing committees working separately. under certain rules and regulations as to dices of other sections. It forgets that It is in no sense such an expert commission as was contemplated by those who originally advocated this mode of working out a scientific plan of currency reform, for this sort of political pabulum. The that of any other municipal organization and it is scarcely disguised that its im-Congressional Record should be what its in this country. The result is that in its mediate purpose is to remove the subject, title indicates, an actual record of pro- physical aspect the District is a strange as far as possible, from present political

Help the Children.

From the New York Times. More children than ever before will need outings of the Children's Aid Society, Men are out of employment, and the children of the poor have been living on a scanty change its plans and curtail its work the disappointment to the children will be

La Follette's Talk.

Senator La Follette gains from his fillbuster a high record for physical endurance, but what more he gains or had hoped to gain is not clear. It takes more than one or two men to talk the Senate to death. The La Follette performance

will have for its chief result a revival of agitation in the Senate for a closure rule. After the Automobile,

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aerial navigation, with cars propelled by have been relegated to a position strictly afoot will not have their lives constantly menaced by brainless idiots who drive through the streets at terrific speed in The man who does not believe in public big autos bought with the money papa

The Maryland Congressman.

From the Baltimore American. It doesn't make much difference to the average Maryland congressman. He will be in Washington now just about as much as he was when Congress was in

Woman in Politics. From the New York Herald.

An esteemed rector assured a body

graduates that woman in politics would

be a "peril" to the nation. Must have

been misquoted-must have said "pearl. "To William Howard Taft."

I'rom Harper's Weekly.

It is no exaggeration to say that many

Victims of the Fourth.

shock of the day's experience.

Victims Will Be Found.

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